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1. MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH CHISSANO AS PRIME MINISTER WAS SWORN IN AT CEREMONY 11 AM LOCAL TIME BY HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL CRESPO. CEREMONY WAS DOMINATED BY READING OF 1-1/2 HOUR MESSAGE FROM SAMORA MACHEL, PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO. ELDERLY MEMBERS OF CONSULAR CORPS STOOD THROUGHOUT WITH FEW DROP OUTS.

2. UNDERSECRETARY TANG REPRESENTED UN, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI REPRESENTED OAU, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CAMPINOS AND MELO ANTUNES REPRESENTED PORTUGAL. FOREIGN DELEGATIONS INCLUDED TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSEAU, ALGERIA AND SOMALIA. TIME AND PLACE OF CEREMONY ANNOUNCED HALF HOUR BEFORE AND MAXIMUM SECURITY PROVIDED BY PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. CONSULS GENERAL WERE INVITED BUT NOT RHODESIAN.

3. DOMINANT THEME OF MACHEL'S MESSAGE WAS THAT "GOVERNMENT IS FRELIMO'S INSTRUMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL." MESSAGE THEN WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE PROGRAM OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH EMPHASIZED AUSTERITY AND SELF HELP.

4. FULL ANALYSIS OF WRITTEN TEXT OF MACHEL'S SPEECH WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. IN THE MEANTIME, SUFFICE IT TO SAY IT WAS AS PURITANICAL, MILITANT (WITH SOME MARXIST TERMS) AND IDEALISTIC AS ANY OF THE EARLY SPEECHES OF YUGOSLAV PARTISANS, ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARIES OR TANZANIAN SOCIALISTS WHICH CHARACTERIZED THEIR EARLY DAYS OF POWER. IT WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE DOMESTIC PROBLEM OF NATION BUILDING AND THE ELIMINATION OF TRIBALISM, RACISM AND COLONIALISM IN MOZAMBIQUE. THERE WAS NOTHING ON FOREIGN POLICY, PER SE.

5. ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO MOZAMBIQUE'S WHITE POPULATION "WHETHER PORTUGUESE OR FOREIGN NATIONALS IN GENERAL," MACHEL SAID HIS FIRST WORDS WERE "CALM AND TRUST... THEREFORE, ALL THOSE WHO LIVE OFF THEIR HONEST LABOR, WHOM WE KNOW TO BE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WHITE POPULATION, HAVE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO OUR

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COUNTRY'S NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION."

6. MACHEL ALSO STATED FRELIMO WOULD COOPERATE SINCERELY WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND WITH PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES AND RE-AFFIRMED FRIENDSHIP WITH PORTUGUESE PEOPLE.

7. CHISSANO'S SPEECH WAS SHORT, PRAGMATIC AND DEVOID OF ANY IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT. HE STRUCK ME, AS AT PRESS

CONFERENCE, AS HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT.

8. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE FOR TRANSMISSION TO
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. CONCUR IN ORAL PRESENTATION,
FOLLOWED BY LETTER, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE SOME DAYS
BEFORE MY INITIAL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECOND CALL
ON HIGH COMMISSIONER. COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT SENT SEPTEL.
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